



MONDAY EVENING, JUNE 20, 1904.

It is stated that about 70 per cent. of the life preservers on the ill-fated steamboat General Slocum were 13 years old; that only some 400 of these had ever been repaired; that in 13 years the company owning the General Slocum had bought only 1500 new life preservers, while 5100 were required on two boats—Grand Republic and General Slocum; that the life preservers on the ill-fated boat were passed only this spring by the steamboat inspectors. It is also ascertained that a number of the life preservers on which the doomed passengers of the General Slocum had to depend were once on an ancient excursion steamboat now retired and all but forgotten, and after having reposed in the hands of a junk dealer in New York for an indefinite period, found their way on board the General Slocum last Wednesday could not get at to burn. These life preservers, like most of those that were bought for the General Slocum 13 years ago, were old, rotten and mildewed and were filled with granulated cork that was rotten with age, too, and spilled like sawdust out of the rents that were made in the antique canvas covers by the mere efforts of the passengers to tie the wretched things about them. It is believed that an investigation of the life preservers on most of the river boats in this country will show a similar state of affairs. It is also believed that most of the life boats and life rafts are unfit for use and that in a majority of instances the steamboat crews know nothing of launching or manning these supposedly life saving devices.

THAT THE trusts defeated LaFollette at Chicago is the charge made in Wisconsin by the Governor's supporters. A merry factional fight is now on in that State which will not end till election day. The LaFollette organ in Milwaukee makes the following declaration:

"The die is cast and Gasman Addicks and Gasman Spooner, of Wisconsin, will sit side by side in the temporary organization of the republican convention in Chicago. The quality and quantity of their gas differs, but it all feeds the same flame of political irregularity, corruption, contention and the elevation of corporate wealth over the rights of the common people. Bets of two to one were freely offered by stalwarts who were close to the inner railroad corporate ring, which engineered the Spooner plan through, that the stalwart delegation would be seated by at least a two-thirds vote of the national committee. Every possible influence was brought to bear upon public men whose political position depends upon the corporate interests to use their influence with national committees from their State in favor of seating the stalwart delegation from Wisconsin. It we are to be governed by senatorial rings, backed by large corporate wealth and devoted to special interests, conventions will no longer be necessary and primary elections will be superfluous. There is an end of party government in which the people have a vote. There is an end to representative government. Majorities no longer rule under such a system. It is too little to hope that Wisconsin will be a doubtful State. It certainly would not be a republican State."

BUILDING affairs in New York have been in a most unsettled state for the past year and it was hoped that a settlement of the trouble had been effected, but indications now pointed to a strike within the next few days of 12,000 bricklayers which would tie up the building industries in Manhattan, Brooklyn and Bronx and throw out of employment more than 50,000 workers in other trades. There is no apparent substantial reason except the fact that the National Fireproofing Company wants to come into the city to obtain contracts. The company does work in all other cities except New York, where it has been kept out under an agreement between the bricklayers and their employers who are members of the Master Builders' Association. The company succeeded in having a resolution passed at the international convention of bricklayers, in January last, giving it the right to enter New York. The bricklayers are now voting on the refusal of the employers to grant 70 cents an hour. Four unions have already voted to strike.

FORMER ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL TYNER's appeal to the President for a retraction of the criticism heaped upon him last December for his conduct while an officer in the Postoffice Department has placed the President in a quandary. If the President replies that he could maintain his position by disclosing evidence against Tyner not made public at the latter's trial he will give the democrats good campaign material in that the postal frauds were not adequately sifted nor thoroughly dealt with. On the other hand, if the President bases his reply on the assumption that the evidence produced at the trial, and under which Tyner was acquitted, was sufficient for his criticisms, he will be placed in the position of admitting that his statements were prejudicial. The

President in this matter is between the devil and the deep sea, and, realizing the gravity of his position, he recently summoned a number of his advisers into conference at the White House to discuss and frame a reply.

THAT Mr. Roosevelt believes in a personal government and that he imagines himself "it" or the "whole thing," is shown by the following paragraph taken from a dispatch from Chicago.

Secretary Loeb, of the President's personal staff, was in town for a few hours, and is said to have made an effort to arouse some enthusiasm. He said he "stopped over on his way from the Yellowstone, but some of his friends insist that he brought typewritten instructions from the President, who fears that the delegates might possibly forget their orders.

It is understood, however, that after the campaign, should it result in victory for the republican ticket, Mr. Cortelyou is to resign the chairmanship of the national committee and resume his place in the Cabinet, or be given a place just as good.

UNITED STATES SENATOR MORGAN, in a recent interview in Birmingham, Ala., said that the democratic party can win with either Parker, Gorman or McClellan. The outlook, he declared, was never better for democratic success. "The people," he continued, "are earnestly looking for the right man, and if the party can get together at St. Louis on the basis of old-fashioned democracy there is nothing which I can foresee that will prevent its triumph in November." This seems to be the consensus of opinion of all the leading democrats of the country. With a safe man and a sound platform, Mr. Roosevelt, who is known by his own party to be both unsafe and unsound, can easily be beaten.

THERE seems to be but little necessity for holding the national republican convention at Chicago tomorrow as everything that is to be done there has practically been decided upon. Mr. Roosevelt will be nominated; Mr. Fairbanks, of Indiana, will be given second place on the ticket; Mr. Cortelyou will be chairman of a disgruntled national committee and the platform, now in possession of Senator Lodge, will voice the theories of the present occupant of the White House. The apparent willingness of all hands to subscribe to anything the President may desire covers very thinly the dislike that most of the old organization men have for the Roosevelt dynasty. There is absolutely no enthusiasm anywhere, but what is on the bills will be shown.

By a stroke that was as unexpected as it was unwarranted by market conditions, the beef trust has advanced the wholesale price of meat two and one-half cents a pound, and has cleared in the operation at least three millions of dollars for its members. There is no Attorney General to prosecute the trusts, and when the cat's away the mice will play.

SOME of the New England mills are so encouraged by the decline in the prices of cotton that they have decided to postpone the carrying out of their plan for cutting down wages. Meanwhile, the southern planters are working with redoubled energy for the raising of a crop larger than ever before, and the outlook this month is most encouraging.

From Washington.

[Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.]

Washington, D. C., June 20. By the agreement reached at the office of the Secretary of War today, the currency of the new Republic of Panama is to consist of \$3,000,000 in silver, only half of which is to be minted at once. The million and a half to be immediately coined is to be made from the silver now in use in Panama; the other half of the three millions is to be coined when the Secretary of War of the United States deems it needed. The fractional silver in use is to be protected by the deposit of gold by the Republic of Panama in some United States bank of assured stability. The plan thus outlined is to be submitted to the Panama Congress now in session and if it is adopted by that body the United States will pledge itself to use the new currency on the canal strip.

The agreement providing for a currency system for the republic of Panama, on the basis of the United States currency, was signed this morning in the office of the Secretary of War by William Nelson Cromwell and Commissioners Arias and Morales on behalf of Panama, and Charles A. Conant representing the United States. In accordance with the terms of the agreement Panama will receive the Panama silver in pesos of the size of the American silver dollar, and coin new silver in the same manner until a total of \$6,000,000 is reached. The Panama government, in order to maintain the parity with gold, is to deposit 15 per cent. of the amount coined in a New York city bank, and in addition all the seigniorage that will accrue from the coinage.

This morning Attorneys Berry and Minor filed for probate the will of the late Levi Z. Leiter. It names the widow, Mary T. Leiter, and son, Joseph Leiter, as executors, without bonds. To the first is given throughout life one-third of the net income of the entire estate in lieu of her dower or other legal rights. Trustees are named to control the investment and distribution of the income from a fund of \$1,000,000, independent and in addition to a previous settlement of \$700,000. The entire income goes to Mary Victoria, wife of Lord Curzon, Viceroy of India, during life or until she may have children. Thereafter the income is to be divided among husband, wife and children. In event of the death of all these, the fund reverts to the residuary estate. The will carefully prescribes the investment in Indian, English and American securities. The remainder of the estate, with the exception of certain coal lands and shares in the Universal Fuel Co., is bequeathed to Mary T. Leiter, wife, Joseph Leiter, Nancy H. C. Leiter, Marguerite

Leiter, children, and Seymour Morris, of Chicago, the latter being a trustee. Two-thirds of the net income is to be divided equally among the three children above named and Lady Curzon, each, however, being charged with four per cent. interest upon settlement made prior to the death of the last named heir, it then to be divided per stirpes among the issue, provided only if should all save Lady Curzon die before the expiration of the trust the entire estate shall go to her or her issue. Seymour Morris is to receive \$5,000 annual salary and will be succeeded by Chauncey Keep, of Chicago. Coal lands in Illinois are to be held by the trustees and Joseph Leiter is to manage them and when he shall have paid the estate their value with five per cent. interest to own them. No charitable or public bequests are in the instrument and the entire estate, estimated to be of a value of from 25 to 30 millions, is tied down for at least a generation of Leiters.

President and Mrs. Roosevelt and Miss Carow returned from their visit to New York and Valley Forge this morning. Wayne Mac Veach, who lives near Valley Forge, was a guest of the President in his private car on the run to Washington. Soon after reaching the White House the President received a call from Count Cassini, the Russian Ambassador, who came to say good bye previous to his departure for the summer. This afternoon the President will receive the members of the 23d Regiment Veterans' Association of New York, who are in Washington on a sightseeing visit.

Worrying over the loss of a package containing \$500, James J. Greble, aged 55 years, in the employ of the United States Express Company as money clerk, committed suicide this morning by shooting himself in the temple with a bullet from a .32 calibre revolver at his home in this city. W. C. Johnson, manager of the express company, does not hold Mr. Greble as responsible for the loss of the package, as his faith in his money clerk was implicit. Coroner Nevitt issued a certificate of death by suicide.

Worry brought about by a scolding given to her last night by her mother, Mary Gilliam, 19 years of age, of 1095 South Carolina avenue, committed suicide this morning by drinking the contents of a bottle of carbolic acid, on the corner of 8th street and Pennsylvania avenue S. E. Miss Gilliam had been in ill health recently and for sometime past had been an inmate of the Baltimore Blind Institute, where she went in the hope that a cataract which is over the right eye could be effectually removed.

No formal ceremonies have been arranged for Cardinal Sattoli while he is a guest of Mgr. O'Connell at the Catholic University at Brookland, D. C. He said a brief mass this morning at the University after which the morning was spent in the rectory. Mgr. O'Connell recalling days spent together in Rome. It is expected that the Cardinal will leave Washington tomorrow evening for Springfield, N. J., where he is to celebrate the marriage of Miss Maloney and Dr. Ritchie.

Admiral Chadwick cables the Navy Department from Tangier that Perdicaris and his step-son Varley will probably be released tomorrow. Consul General Gummere at Tangier cables the State Department that if there is no hitch in the negotiations the two captives will be released tomorrow. Representative Hitt, of Illinois, is reported to be much better this morning. He is still confined to his room, but his speedy recovery is looked for.

News of the Day.

The freight business of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company has fallen off considerably, and a large number of discharges have been made in consequence. Forty-nine more bodies were yesterday recovered from the steamer General Slocum, bringing the total number of bodies so far recovered up to 632. Of these 559 have been identified.

William Scheffel's Highball won the American Derby at Washington Park, Chicago, on Saturday. The favorite, English Lad, proved a disappointment and did not get a place. One thousand barrels of oil were destroyed by fire shortly after 6 o'clock on Saturday evening at the Canton plant near Baltimore of the Standard Oil Company. Loss about \$5,000.

A traction engine and stonemason broke through a bridge near Charleston, W. Va., on Saturday, instantly killing John Wise, of Shepherdstown, and seriously injuring two other men.

Lloyd Geiser, an insurance agent, twenty-three years old, after a quarrel with his wife, shot and instantly killed himself in the bath room of his home, 647 Florence street northeast, Washington, about 4:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

Rev. Marshall Higgenbotham, editor of the Daily Blue Pencil, of Hinton, W. Va., was horsewhipped on Saturday night by Mrs. A. Gwynn, a society woman, because of the publication in the Blue Pencil of a statement reflecting upon her character.

A model university, planned as they believe "Christ would have it," with the Bible as the principal textbook, is to be established by the educational board of the Presbyterian church at the city of McKinley, Tex., it is expected, within a few months and \$175,000 of the necessary \$200,000 with which to start work on the buildings has been subscribed.

Fire in the Commercial Hotel, 3 north Frederick street, Baltimore, with a stable containing 300 horses adjoining it on the north and a gun store, in which, it is said, a large quantity of powder is stored, adjoining it on the south, caused the sounding of two alarms of fire about 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon and created much excitement in the neighborhood. The damages to the hotel, it is believed, will not exceed \$1,000.

John A. Lamott, colored, after seriously wounding his wife Clara, this morning, jumped out of a window in New York, and his brains were crushed out on the sidewalk. The Lamotts had separated four months ago and the woman went to live with her mother. Lamott went to the house today and entered into a conversation with his wife, then fired three shots into her brain.

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Virginia News.

The Fredericksburg Horse Show Association will hold its exhibition Wednesday and Thursday of this week at the fair grounds in that city.

Louis P. Shaner died in Lynchburg yesterday at the Home and Retreat, aged 53. He had time for six weeks, and during that time his wife died, but he was not informed of the fact.

Mrs. Frances T. Conrad has issued invitations to the marriage of her daughter, Frances Thompson, to Mr. D. James Waters, of Missouri. The wedding will take place at the home of the bride, near Linden, Warren county, on June 30.

Mr. and Mrs. Middleton M. Johnson announce the marriage of their daughter, Maude E., to Mr. Clyde E. Walton, of Hampton Roads, which will take place Wednesday, June 29, at Front Royal. Mr. Walton is a son of M. L. Walton, of Woodstock.

The heaviest hailstorm seen at Woodstock for a number of years fell shortly after 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Crops and vegetables of all kinds were badly damaged and many windows broken. Hail as large as walnuts were picked up after the storm passed.

The announcement following marks the closing of an episode in the history of Colorado, and runs to this effect: "Standing on the north side of Colorado avenue, Colorado City, is a dilapidated old shack, built principally of logs, which is a pitiful relic of fallen grandeur. It is now a Chinese laundry, occupied by one Sam Wah, and yet a few decades ago it was used as the territorial capital of Colorado. A photographer called at the building and took a picture of it."

So far there are four candidates in the field for governor, Claude A. Swanson, Joseph E. Willard, William Hodges Mann, and Rufus A. Ayers. J. Taylor Ellyson may enter the gubernatorial race. For lieutenant governor Charles T. Bland, of Portsmouth, and James R. Caton, of Alexandria, are the only avowed candidates. It is intimated that Col. George C. Cabell, of Norfolk, and Judge S. W. Williams, of Wythe, may run for attorney general. Attorney General William A. Anderson on Saturday night announced his candidacy for reelection to that office.

The National Convention.

Almost all of the republican leaders and about half of the delegates have arrived in Chicago for the national convention that is to begin tomorrow, but there is still no sign of enthusiasm. The leaders, who feel that Mr. Roosevelt has taken away their wonted power, are ostentatiously circulating gloomy predictions in the hope that he will feel his election so much in peril as to make terms with them.

The President is understood to prefer Representative Robert R. Hitt, of Illinois, as the nominee for Vice President. The Illinois delegation, by deciding yesterday to push Mr. Hitt's candidacy, gave his boom an impetus.

Senator Hansbrough's proposition to declare for a readjustment of the tariff is being hushed up. Cornelius N. Bliss and Elihu Root are taking the lead in pacifying the opposition to George B. Cortelyou as chairman of the national committee. The Virginia delegation arrived yesterday evening.

Four Boys Killed by Lightning.

Four boys standing under a cherry tree on a farm near Felton, three miles from Chester, Pa., were killed yesterday by a stroke of lightning. The dead are: Ross Smith, aged 13 years, of Felton, son of the owner of the farm; Alexander Fullerton, 13 years, of Felton; William Davis, 14 years, of Upland, and Samuel Clark, 15 years, colored, of Chester. About a dozen boys went from Felton to pick cherries on the Smith farm. Farmer Smith told his son Ross, who was about to go to Sunday school, to order away any boys he might see at the cherry trees. On the way young Smith met Fullerton, Davis and Clark. As they approached the cherry trees the dozen boys from Felton ran away. A storm was coming up, and the four other boys went under one of the trees. They had been there only a few minutes when lightning struck the tree. Smith, Fullerton and Davis were killed instantly. The colored boy was so badly injured that he died on the way to a hospital.

Sheriff Killed on Train.

Sheriff G. D. Harris, of St. Croix county, Wis., was shot and killed Saturday night while attempting to make an arrest on a train near Fall Creek, Wis. The man who did the shooting, and whose name is unknown, jumped from the moving train and escaped. Sheriff Harris had gone to Eau Claire on business, and when about to board the train for Hudson was informed that a man suspected of burglary was aboard the train. The sheriff searched the train, and finally located his man in the smoking car. He placed him under arrest, and was about to handcuff him, when the desperado drew a revolver and fired three times, shooting the sheriff through the head and killing him instantly. In the excitement which followed the shooting, the murderer ran the entire length of the train, jumping from the rear coach while the train was going at a high rate of speed. He then stole a horse and buggy and escaped.

Virginia Bankers.

Members of the Virginia Bankers' Association on Saturday left Old Point for a trip to Jamestown. They returned that afternoon, and a banquet was tendered at the Chamberlin at night, where toasts were responded to by Congressmen Swanson, Flood and Maynard, John Goode, H. P. Hilliard, of St. Louis, and Assistant Secretary of the Treasury R. B. Armstrong.

The final session of the convention was held on the boat Saturday morning, and the following officers were elected: President, William M. Habliston, of Richmond; secretary, N. P. Gatling, Lynchburg; treasurer, H. A. Williams, Richmond, and a number of vice presidents.

The executive committee will name the next place of meeting later.

Experienced travellers have found great benefit by taking with them a bottle of Dr. SETH ARSOLD'S BALSAM. It cures illness caused by impure water and sudden changes of climate. Warranted by W. F. Creighton & Co., Warfield & Hall, and Edgar Warfield, Jr., Alexandria.

Today's Telegraphic News

National Republican Convention. Chicago, June 20.—The national republican convention will meet here today.

New Yorkers who undertook to foist the Cannon propaganda on the convention against Mr. Cannon's protest have made but little headway. Others, particularly the Illinois delegates, took advantage of their failure and tried to work the Hitt boom in various ways. But the trial always led back to Fairbanks, the Indianan, whose coyness became less pronounced as other boomlets turned to assume more tangible form.

Speaker Cannon sent for Congressman James Sherman, of New York, this morning. Sherman went to the Grand Northern Hotel and for about ten minutes there was a lively session in the Speaker's room. Cannon told Sherman he understood that he was the main figure that was going to stampede the convention. "I want this d— nonsense stopped," he said. "I would not accept the nomination if it was studied with diamonds and presented on a platter of solid gold."

Mr. Bliss has made known the President's wishes in the matter of the chairmanship of the national committee. Senator Penrose, of Pennsylvania, called to make known to him the opposition to the selection of Geo. B. Cortelyou. He told him of the aversion of the members of the committee to Mr. Cortelyou as a practical politician. He asked him whether it would not be possible to convince the President of the unwisdom of his choice.

"Mr. Cortelyou's name will not be withdrawn," was the burden of Mr. Bliss's response.

The names of others have been mentioned. Governor Herrick, of Ohio, is among them, but the situation remains as it was. In other words, the practical politicians do not want Cortelyou; but the President does.

The platform is beginning to arouse the interest of the gossips and politicians. In the latter connection the attitude of Senator Hansbrough, of North Dakota, in favor of what he calls "tariff readjustment" is widely discussed. His declaration that he will make diligent effort to secure the adoption of a plan favoring his views on that subject, has caused sufficient uneasiness on the part of representatives of the National Protective Tariff League to set them scurrying.

Although the convention as yet has not shown any abiding interest in President Roosevelt, President Roosevelt has shown symptoms of personal interest in the convention. This was made patent by the arrival of W. J. Lee, telegraph operator in the Department of Commerce and Labor. He is to operate a special wire from the convention hall to the White House. The President will be kept in touch with all that is doing in Chicago.

Secretary Shaw says that there will be a plank in the platform promising some sort of a government to the Filipinos but conditions will be attached which will demand high standards of civilization. He declares that the financial planks of past platforms will be approved.

Gov. Albert H. Cummins, of Iowa, who was sent to this convention as a delegate-at-large by a stand pat convention, says that there has been a change in sentiment since the adoption of that convention's platform. "We have said," he said, "that the tariff wall should not be so high as to permit home producers to sell goods at a profit that may be called extraordinary and unreasonably large." He believes that the party should go on record as favoring tariff revision at the next session of Congress.

Escape of Russian Fleet.

Tokio, June 20.—Vice Admiral Kamimura, who has been pursuing the Russian Vladivostok squadron, has failed to overtake them. The Vice Admiral yesterday returned without anything to show for his pursuit. This morning he sent an official message expressing his regrets that he failed to encounter the Russian fleet. It is understood that the Russian vessels have again reached Vladivostok.

Yin Kow, June 20.—Between five and six thousand Russians have occupied Tsai Kaki, north of Sin Yen. There is also a considerable force of the Czar's troops at Hiai Hota, near Tachico.

Rome, June 20.—A telegram from Chefoo states that on Saturday the Japanese began a land bombardment of Port Arthur for the purpose of testing their siege guns. The Russian's replied to their fire. The result of the duelling is that their guns have the greater range.

Tokio, June 20.—Gen. Oku reports that after the battle at Telisu last week, the Japanese buried 1,516 Russians who were found dead on the battlefield. The burials, he says, are not yet finished. Natives according to the report, state the Russians burned or carried off many other dead. The Russian casualties were appalling.

Tiao Yan, June 20.—Reports reached here today of further fighting to the southward on a considerable scale. The report says that a battle is raging near Kai Chou. The first train bearing wounded men has passed through here, going northward. Kai Chou is about 25 miles south of Nieuchwang, and about thirty-five miles northwest of Sin Yen.

Murder and Suicide.

Cleveland, O., June 20.—Temporarily demented, it is supposed, and fancying that he had some grievance, John Fern, 61 years old, shot and killed Robert L. Jones and turned the revolver on himself. Jones' condition is very serious. Both men were employees of the B. & O. Railroad. Fern has been in the employ of the road for more than thirty years. Fern seemed to have a deep-seated grudge against Jones. The father of Jones was formerly employed by the railroad as a detective and one time is said to have advised the discharge of Fern. He once had him arrested. Fern vented his ill-feeling upon the son, whom he saw frequently in the freight yards, and finally shot him yesterday.

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More Bodies Recovered.

New York, June 20.—Eighteen bodies, victims of the Slocum disaster, were picked up in the East river and Long Island Sound this morning. This makes 655 bodies that have been recovered up to date. The missing list contains nearly three hundred names. Bodies are coming ashore every hour at different points. Five hundred and seventy-five of the bodies recovered have been identified and nearly all of them have been buried. Thirty funerals took place this morning. The relief fund to date amounts to \$35,000. The relief committee proposes to raise an additional fund of \$125,000 which will be used to care for orphans and aged persons. The coroner's inquest to determine who is responsible for the loss of life caused by the burning of the Gen'l Slocum began today. The effect of the Slocum disaster upon excursion traffic by boat to suburban resorts has been hurtful. This was shown yesterday, when many large boats, considered well protected from such catastrophes as befell the General Slocum, left the piers of the East and North rivers with fewer than their usual quotas of passengers aboard.

Accused Discharged.

New York, June 20.—General Samuel Pearson, formerly of the Boer army, and Cornelius Vander Hocht, who were arrested about a month ago charged with having written a threatening letter to former Assistant Secretary of the Interior Webster Davis, were discharged today in the Court of Special Sessions owing to the inability of the complainant to appear. This was the fourth time the case was on the calendar and the justices refused the District Attorney any further adjournment, despite the fact that he exhibited a letter from Dr. Davis warning to the effect that Mr. Davis was seriously ill. The defendants declared that they would rather have gone to trial as they were charged in vindication. The action of the Justices in only discharging their bail and not dismissing the case has left the defendants in a very unsatisfactory position. They declared that Mr. Davis was afraid to submit to a cross-examination, as he would have to explain how his disposition he made of the 40,000 pounds sterling entrusted to him by the Boer government.

Tragedy Result of Quarrel.

New York, June 20.—Ida Howard, alias "Goldie" Moran, an octogenarian, and known to the police as the "Badger Queen," was shot and killed early this morning by Charles Q. Arthur, a white man, who was known as her common-law husband. The murder followed a violent quarrel. When arrested Arthur accused the woman of having wrecked his life and said that he was sorry he had been taken into custody before he had a chance to kill himself. The woman had been arrested many times, not only in this city, but in every big city in the United States.

Resented Insult to Daughter.

Brookville, Ky., June 20.—Allen Whalen, of Sun Rise, Ky., was shot and killed by Henry Haley, at the latter's home about five miles south of Brookville yesterday. Whalen stopped at Haley's to stay all night, and in the morning was out in the yard with Haley's daughter. He had been drinking and became abusive to the girl. Haley went out to quiet him, and he made for Haley with a knife. Haley stepped into the house, got his shotgun and shot him, the shot taking effect in his stomach. He died instantly.

Harvey by Little Green Fly.

Mobile, Ala., June 20.—A little green fly of the size between a buffalo grub and a house fly is doing great damage to the corn and cotton crops in this section. The planters will put several of the flies in a bottle and send them to a scientist for examination. Countless millions of these flies were found in the field of T. G. Gayle at Selma. The flies light on the under side of the tender cotton leaves and literally eat the leaf up. Farmers are greatly alarmed as it is feared the flies will entirely destroy the cotton crop.

Lost Race on Time Allowance.

Heligoland, June 20.—The American schooner yacht Ingomar lost the Kaiser's cup race from Dover to this place on time allowance. The race was won by the yacht Valdora, the others finishing in the following order: Nicanda, Wondur, Cariada, and Fiona. The Ingomar finished first, over two hours ahead of the Valdora, but was compelled by the handicappers to allow the latter yacht seven hours and fifteen minutes.

Four Sisters Insane.

Richmond, Va., June 19.—Four sisters have been admitted to the Western State Hospital at Staunton. They are the Misses Crensy, of Campbell county. In recent years they have made a scanty living at quilt making. On May 7 the first sister was adjudged insane, and on June 9 the other sisters followed her. Fear of more dire poverty is assigned as the reason of their insanity.

New York Stock Market.

New York, June 20, 11 a. m.—There was a decided improvement in the tone of the stock market this morning, traceable in a general way to the influx of bank reserves. U. S. steel preferred was in demand, rising more than a point. Amalgamated copper made a further fractional improvement, and Anaconda sold up 2 1/2 per cent. The market, with very few exceptions, shows a strong undertone and stocks are absorbed freely on all fractional recessions.

A Triple Tragedy.

New York, June 20.—Long Swamp, near Huntington, L. I., was this morning the scene of a triple tragedy and a running fight between a murderer and a band of infuriated farmers. Sadow Meringo, whose home is at Long Swamp, went to the home of his brother and without warning attacked him with an axe. After striking the defenceless man on the head and stunning him, the murderer proceeded to hack his body to pieces. His crime had been witnessed by a neighbor, Mrs. Mary Kallu, who jumped on a horse and carried the news to Huntington. There a posse was quickly arranged by farmers and residents, and they started for the scene of the crime. They saw Meringo running across lots and started in pursuit. He had a revolver in his hand and fired at his pursuers. He finally reached the home of his sister, Mrs. Ferrara. He demanded that she hide him. When she refused he caught her by the throat and shot her three times. She was injured so seriously that her recovery is despairing. The murderer stood at bay firing at those following him until his ammunition gave out. He then caught up a butcher knife which was lying near him and cut his throat. He was captured and is now in jail in a dying condition.

Admiral Barker's squadron arrived at Gibraltar, from Lisbon today. After coaling the squadron will proceed to Tangier.

Murdered His Blind Son.

Chauncey Hotaling, aged 40 years, was placed in jail in Binghamton, N. Y., yesterday, charged with the brutal murder of his three-year-old blind son, whom it is said he abhorred because of the child's infirmities, and for the attempted murder of his wife. Hotaling lived in the town of Vestal, about five miles west of Binghamton. Early yesterday morning he burned down the house in which the child was, and supposed until several hours later that he had also killed and burned his wife. According to Mrs. Hotaling's story, her husband came home partly drunk soon after midnight. She says that he soon became abusive. Frightened, Mrs. Hotaling ran up stairs and barricaded herself in her room. Her husband followed and knocked out the door panels with an axe after which he shot three times at her without hitting her. She returned the fire with her revolver and then escaped from the building by climbing from a window and down a ladder. Barefooted, she ran to the nearest neighbors, half a mile away. Shortly after Hotaling came to the neighbors, but did not know that his wife was there, and said that his house was burned down and that his wife and the child had been burned to death. Hotaling told conflicting stories as to how the house was set on fire. His wife thinks that he shot and killed the boy and then fired the house. The trunk of the child's body was recovered from embers in the basement, the head, arms and legs having been consumed by the fire.

TEGILERAPIC BREVITIES

Twenty people are thought to be buried in the ruins of the building on corner of Fourth and Delaware streets, Kansas City, which collapsed this morning.

Accompanied by his five French guests and a surgeon, James Gordon Bennett, sailed from Newport, R. I., for Europe this afternoon on his yacht "The Lysistrata."

The federal grand jury, now in session in New York, will, in all probability, begin an investigation into the cause of the burning of the steamer General Slocum, early next week.

Elijah Stone, father of Melville E. Stone, general manager of the Associated Press, died last night at the home of Prof. Ormond Stone, at the University of Virginia, aged 83. The body will be taken to Toulon, Illinois, for burial.

When passenger train No. 65 of the Delaware railroad reached Laurel, Del., this morning the engine went through the open draw over the Laurel river. The engineer and the fireman were killed. The passengers in the train were badly shaken up.

A passenger coach attached to a mixed train on the Penigewasset valley branch of the Boston and Maine railroad jumped the track this morning